

2021 Garbage and Recycling Information

If you have questions or concerns, please contact MDC Environmental Services at (815) 568-7274. If you would like to establish service, please contact the City Hall Finance Department at (815) 338-4300.

Garbage



Both garbage and recyclables are picked up on the same day for residents in Woodstock. Please contact MDC Environmental Services to determine your pickup day. Garbage should not be put at the curb until after 6:00 p.m. the night before pick-up. All garbage should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of garbage pickup. Please bring your cans back in after the garbage has been picked up.

For the sticker program, residents will be able to place any commercially-available, residential garbage bag out for collection as long as a garbage sticker has been attached and the bag weighs 50 pounds or less. Stickers will be available for purchase at City Hall, Public Works, the library and other participating local merchants. The rates below are effective beginning January 1st, 2021 for single-family homes and multi-family homes with curbside pick-up.

<u>Residential Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Toter Rate	\$24.70 per month
Garbage Stickers	\$2.88 each
Yard Waste Stickers	\$2.58 each

Yard Waste Stickers



Yard waste includes yard materials such as grass clippings, weeds, leaves, cut up branches and brush. Yard waste may not be mixed with other refuse and is picked up on the same day as the refuse/recycling collection. All yard waste must be placed in separate containers from garbage. Containers for yard waste are hard-walled, typical garbage cans or containers not to exceed 33 gallons or 2-ply 50 pound weight strength extensible "Kraft" paper yard waste bags. Branches up to 1 1/2" in diameter may be cut to lengths that do not exceed 4 feet and bundled no larger (in diameter) than a 30-gallon garbage can. A yard waste sticker must be affixed to each bag, bundle or can in order to be properly picked up by MDC Environmental Services.

Yard waste collection starts around April 1st and ends around December 1st each year. Yard waste stickers are available at the following locations:

City of Woodstock
121 W. Calhoun Street

Public Works
326 W. Washington Street

Woodstock Public Library
414 W. Judd Street

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Bulk Item Pickup



There are two options to dispose a bulk item, which is defined as an item that is too large to fit within a normal garbage container (e.g., couch, love seat, table, chair, etc.). Residents who rent the garbage tote are allowed to set out one per week free of charge. Residents using the sticker program may dispose of these by attaching one (1) sticker to each individual bulk item. Note that items purchased as a set may represent multiple bulk items (e.g., a dining room table set that includes a table and four chairs would represent 5 bulk items).

Residents do not need to contact MDC Environmental Services prior to disposing of any bulk item. However, hazardous materials (e.g., paints, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, etc.), white goods (e.g., stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, water heaters, etc.) and construction debris can not be disposed of through this program. Please feel free to contact MDC Environmental Services (815-568-7274) prior to placing any item at the curb to determine if it meets the bulk item requirements.

Recycling



The City of Woodstock has established a recycling program for its residents in an effort to conserve landfill space and natural resources. Over the years, the recycling program and the types of materials accepted by our hauler have expanded tremendously. Recycling bins are available at City Hall. The 19-gallon bins are \$ 11.75 each. The City also offers a 35-gallon wheeled recycling toter that is available for \$32.40.

How do I prepare my recyclables?

Sorting recyclable materials is no longer required. MDC Environmental Services uses a single-stream collection system to pick-up our recyclable materials. To save room in your recycling bin, paper products, such as newspapers, can be placed in a paper bag next to the recycling bin.

Plastics

Recyclable plastic products are identifiable by the three arrow triangle surrounding a number and the plastic type abbreviation. The three arrow triangle is usually found on the bottom of the item. #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC or Vinyl, #4 LDPE, #5 PP. Note: #6 PS is no longer collected for recycling. Please place #6 PS (polystyrene) into the regular trash.

Examples of items that can be recycled include, peanut butter jars, ketchup/salad dressing bottles, deodorant containers, health and beauty aid bottles, yogurt tubs and milk jugs.

Aluminum and Steel Containers

Samples include aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, decorative tins, and empty aerosol cans.

Paper

Samples include Kraft brown paper bags, newspapers, magazines, catalogues, stationary, flyers, cards, windowed envelopes, and telephone books. In addition, juice boxes and milk/juice cartons that have been rinsed clean can also be recycled.

Paperboard

Samples include frozen food boxes, paperboard carrying boxes for soda and beer, cereal and other dry food boxes, note pad backs, toilet tissue cores, and corrugated boxes flattened into pieces that are no larger than 2x2 feet (no food contamination allowed).

Items that cannot be recycled

No packing peanuts, plastic grocery bags, window glass, plastic utensils, motor oil, or any hazardous chemicals/materials. Please remove all lids from recyclable items and throw them in the regular garbage. Lids cannot be recycled!

For additional recycling opportunities, contact the McHenry County Environmental Defenders at (815) 338-0393.